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# S. 1227

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Referred to the Committee on Resources

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## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Niagara Falls National  
5       Heritage Area Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”  
6 means lands in Niagara County, New York, along  
7 and in the vicinity of the Niagara River.

8 **SEC. 3. NIAGARA FALLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a  
10 study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing a  
11 heritage area in the State of New York to be known as  
12 the “Niagara Falls National Heritage Area”.

13 (b) ANALYSES AND DOCUMENTATION.—The study  
14 shall include analysis and documentation of whether the  
15 study area—

16 (1) contains an assemblage of natural, histor-  
17 ical, scenic, and cultural resources that represent  
18 distinctive aspects of the heritage of the United  
19 States that—

20 (A) are worthy of recognition, conserva-  
21 tion, interpretation, and continued use; and

22 (B) would best be managed—

23 (i) through partnerships among public  
24 and private entities; and

1 (ii) by combining diverse and some-  
2 times noncontiguous resources and active  
3 communities;

4 (2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and  
5 folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the  
6 United States;

7 (3) provides outstanding opportunities to con-  
8 serve natural, historical, scenic, or cultural features;

9 (4) provides outstanding recreational and edu-  
10 cational opportunities;

11 (5) contains resources important to the identi-  
12 fied theme of the study area that retain a degree of  
13 integrity capable of supporting interpretation;

14 (6) includes residents, business interests, non-  
15 profit organizations, and State and local govern-  
16 ments that—

17 (A) are involved in planning a national  
18 heritage area;

19 (B) have developed a conceptual financial  
20 plan for a national heritage area that outlines  
21 the roles for all participants, including the Fed-  
22 eral Government; and

23 (C) have demonstrated support for the  
24 concept of a national heritage area;

1           (7) has a potential management entity to work  
 2       in partnership with residents, business interests,  
 3       nonprofit organizations, and State and local govern-  
 4       ments to develop a national heritage area consistent  
 5       with continued State and local economic activity;  
 6       and

7           (8) has a conceptual boundary map that is sup-  
 8       ported by the public.

9       (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study, the  
 10     Secretary shall consult with—

11           (1) State and local agencies; and

12           (2) interested organizations within the study  
 13     area.

14       (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 fiscal years after the  
 15     date on which funds are made available to carry out this  
 16     Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Re-  
 17     sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
 18     mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate  
 19     a report that describes the findings, conclusions, and rec-  
 20     ommendations of the study under subsection (a).

21     **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22       There is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000 to  
 23     carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate August 1, 2002.

Attest:

JERI THOMSON,

*Secretary.*